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1. The commercial airfield was about 12 km east of Sverdlovsk (60°38'E/56°48'N), Sverdlovsk Oblast, 1.5 km south of the Sverdlovsk-Istok-Asbest (61°30'E/57°01'N) road. It was about 6.5 km from the PW Camp No 7314/3 in the village of Istok.
2. From July to October 1949 PWs built four three-story houses, each 38 x 18 meters, west of the airfield approach road south of the railroad line. 28 more houses were to be built there. The ground was already graded and the foundations for four houses were concreted.
3. The field had three concrete taxiways, each about 30 x 400 meters, whose western ends terminated in a concrete circular apron, about 200 meters in diameter. The following installations were on the northern edge of the field:
Three hangars, a flight control station, a supply depot, and a settlement of two large four-story houses and several two-story houses. The field personnel and their dependents were quartered in the settlement.
4. Ten to fifteen commercial planes were repeatedly observed at the field.
Description: Two engines, midwing monoplane, trapezoidal wings, retractable landing gear, six or seven cabin windows on both sides of the fuselage, one door aft of wings, green paint without Soviet star but several figures on both sides of fuselage. Three meteorological planes (biplanes) were also stationed there.

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5. There was intensive flying. A commercial plane took off or landed about every 15 minutes. [REDACTED] each plane carried 24 passengers who were taken from and to Sverdlovsk by bus. [REDACTED] most of the passengers flew to Moscow, Molotov and Nizhni-Tagil.

Comment:

a. The reported location of the field agrees with previous reports. It is assumed that the field was considerably improved after the war and that it has been used as a commercial and military airfield. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in addition to bombers, fighters were also stationed there. [REDACTED] jet fighters [REDACTED] also [REDACTED] stationed there since the Spring of 1949.

b. The statements on the runways and taxiways are at variance. However, it may be assumed that the field is provided with greatly improved taxiways and runways thus making it serviceable for intensive flying and the parking of novel aircraft.

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